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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4573

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. TERRORISTS HAVE RELEASED FOUR WOMEN AND FIVE CHILDREN. DETAILS FOLLOW BUT CONSULAR EMPLOYEES NOT AMONG THOSE RELEASED.

2. PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS HERE, WHICH HAVE BEEN LONG AND TEDIOUS, CONCERN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JAL WILL FLY TERRORISTS OUT OF MALAYSIA. TERRORISTS ARE DEMANDING CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOJ THAT JAL UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THEY HAVE DEMANDED ALL THEIR ARMAMENTS ON BOARD, TAKEOFF WITHOUT SET DESTINATION, AND THREE RPT THREE MAN CREW. JAPANESE DELEGATION (FOUR SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM TOKYO AND THEIR K.L. AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER) IS ARGUING THAT JAL AS PRECONDITION HAD INSISTED ON NO ARMS, AGREED DESTINATION AND DOUBLE CREWS. RELEASE OF THESE FEW HOSTAGES IS IN RETURN FOR PROMISE JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL GIVE DEFINITE ANSWERS WITHIN THIRTY

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MINUTES. NATURE OF ANSWERS NOT PREJUDGED.

3. NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY GHAZALI SHAFIE AND MOST TIME SPENT IN EXCHANGES BETWEEN HIM AND JAPANESE DELEGATION AS HE PUTS CASE FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THEIR PART. SWEDISH CONSUL-GENERAL AND I ARE ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS AT GHAZALI'S INSISTENCE BUT ARE NOT TAKING PART IN DISCUSSIONS. OUR SWITCHBOARD, WHICH IS BEHAVING INCREASINGLY ERRATICALLY, IS KEY FACTOR IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH TERRORISTS. WE TRYING TO KEEP PLAY IN JAPANESE HANDS BUT ON OCCASION TERRORIST LEADER SPEAKS TO EMBASSY OFFICER AT SWITCHBOARD.

4. RELEASE IS MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH AND WE WILL QUICKLY HAVE FIRST REAL INFORMATION ABOUT TERRORISTS AND THEIR HOSTAGES. OUR JUDGMENT IS, HOWEVER, THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LONG AND SLOW AND WE HAVE MANY HOURS IN FRONT OF US.  
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